

Legislative Committee Meeting

January 22, 2007

Attendance: Lisa McGee, Connie Hickman-Tanner, Jennifer Ferguson, Consevella James and Michelle Trulsrud

- The meeting began with the discussion of the DCFS budget. A request would be made to get the requested budget and what the final approved budget would be.
- Enhancements being made to Garrets Law would replace the language that states there has to be a health effect in 30 days after birth if a mom or child test positive for a DCFS referral to be made. The new language will be a child will be referred to DCFS if the mom and/or child test positive at the time of birth. As a group we agreed to endorse these changes.
- As a group we agreed that we would support the Kinship Caregiver Support Act.
- As a group we agreed that we would support the Bill of Rights for Foster Parents.
- As a group we agreed that we would support the V Bill which is the locating of relatives and parents through accessing all state and local databases.
- We also agreed that we would stay in close contact over the next few weeks to review any other bills presented and whether we would want to endorse any of those. We can do this through email or by conference call if someone in the committee feels that it would be beneficial to do so.

I would like to be able to present to the entire advisory board on February 9, 2007 our complete list of bills that we would like the Advisory board as a whole to endorse and support.